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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action of February 9, 2006, and is timely filed with an one-month extension of time.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 12-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-11 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 12-20 have been added to clarify the claimed invention and not for reasons of patentability. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7-8 and 10 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilms (US 5,277,424) in view of Takemoto et al. (US 5,813,511). Claims 2, 6, and 9 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilms (US 5,277,424) in view of Takemoto et al. (US 5,813,511) and further in view of Holch et al. (US 6,089,982). Claims 4 and 11 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wilms (US 5,277,424) in view of Takemoto et al. (US 5,813,511) and further in view of Holch et al. (US 6,089,982), and in further view of Raven et al. (US 5,429,361).

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